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MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS: THEN  
WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR  
SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." II Chron. 7:14

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This patriotic display prepared by Endeavorers of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, is an effective witness in this bicentennial year. Details on Page 9.

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# Guatemala Update

Endeavorers in Guatemala are launching an ambitious program to help many of those who lost their homes in the devastating February 4 earthquake.

Now that the rainy season is ending, it is the hope of Hugo Leonel Ramos Valdez, president of the Guatemala Union, and his co-workers that a program of long-range rebuilding assistance to earthquake victims can begin in earnest. David Velasquez, a former president of the union who is studying for the ministry at Biola College, La Mirada, California, has been employed for the summer to organize and coordinate the work. Machines are being purchased to make building blocks and arrangements are being made for use of trucks.

Efforts will center in two locations — in the vicinity of Guatemala City and at El Progreso, an area which was 95% destroyed. This will be an ongoing project with building blocks for permanent homes furnished at minimum cost to the needy and income received used to provide additional materials to keep the project going.

Endeavorers around the world have raised over \$25,000 to assist with rebuilding efforts in Guatemala. This includes gifts from the United States and Canada, Great Britain, Germany, India, Japan, and Sierra Leone.

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# Albert H. Diebold Awards

## THE 1976 WINNERS

### INDIVIDUALS

**TERESA DALE  
HUFF**

**Northport Christian  
Church  
Newport, Tennessee**

### SOCIETIES

**Christian Endeavor  
Youth Fellowship**

**Unity United  
Presbyterian Church  
Mercer  
Pennsylvania**

For her entry, "Survey 1975," a witness project, Teresa receives \$200 in cash.

For its year-long project, "Come Together," this group receives \$225 in cash.

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1976 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor were announced April 8 by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash as listed, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the home church.

Individual winners entered an activity, article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after February 15, 1975, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, and their Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects begun after February 15 last year. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City who died in 1974, and the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible. The 1976 Program marks the 20th year that the awards have been named in honor of Mr. Diebold and is the 25th annual competition.

# Teresa Huff Contacts 7,000 In Winning Witness Project

The 1976 individual winner, Teresa Dale Huff, is a senior at Cocke County High School in Newport, Tennessee. She attends Northport Christian Church where she is president of the Christian Endeavor society and a junior deaconess. She is 18 years of age. For her entry on personal witnessing, Teresa received a \$200 cash award.

Teresa's project ran from May 1975 through February 12, 1976, and involved 1,350 hours of work. It included personal contact with at least 7,000 people, the conducting of a three-question survey, and teaching and leading in school and church.

Here is part of Teresa's report of her winning effort: "In May 1975 this idea began to take a concrete shape and I collected all of my materials and started to work. I took part of my allowance (\$16.00) and bought note cards, paper, pens, and pencils to be used in my survey. I made 5,000 3x5 cards to be used as invitations. All together the cards took about three weeks (5 hours each day).

"Shortly after this, I entered into a pre-college session at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. During my six week stay here, I personally distributed the 5,000 invitations and conducted a large part of my survey. (The survey consisted of three questions: 1. Do you attend Church? 2. Why or why not? 3. Do you enjoy it?) Sometimes the answers to these questions were surprising, to say the least. I witnessed to many people everywhere . . . people on the streets, in businesses, at parties, and in the dorms. I talked to people in Newport and Jefferson City, and even in Knoxville.

"This is my senior year at Cocke County High School, and being a senior allowed me the opportunities to continue with my invitations and to add to my sur-

vey. In some of the classes, I conducted the written part of the survey (only 136 persons would agree to actually putting their remarks in black and white). Later this year I was student teacher for one whole day. Again I took advantage of this time and utilized all six periods discussing, explaining, and taking my survey.

"Later in the school year I had the morning devotions for a week. (This is a 5-7 minute devotional time that is for the whole school—2500 students—and transmitted over the school's intercom system.) I used some portion of the survey to open with, and then followed with a fitting Scripture story or illustration.

"The material and responses have been most interesting, and I have used these things numerous times in Christian Endeavor, prayer service on Wednesday night, and Sunday school. During youth week, I presented all of my material and poster charts, as well as reporting some of the results. (This was presented at Northport Christian Church on February 8, 1976.)

"My goal was and continues to be to personally tell as many people as I can about Jesus Christ, and with His power and strength, hopefully, I will be able to lead these souls to accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour or to help them to rededicate previous commitments.

"Before I began working on this my future was confused and I just wasn't sure what I was going to do after graduation. However, in the intervening months, as I have done all of this evangelistic contacting, the Lord has shown me the way. Come August, I will be enrolling as a freshman at Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee, as preparation for full-time Christian service."

Teresa was a runner-up winner in 1975 for her talk on "The Time to Witness Is NOW!"





Unity Endeavorers presenting "Come Together" on Palm Sunday.

## Unity Endeavorers Win

Top honors for 1976 go to the Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Unity United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania. This group took first honors in 1972 and repeated in 1974.

This year's award is based on the year-long project, "Come Together," for which the Endeavorers received \$225.

Pastor of the church is Rev. James E. Wigley, Jr. Youth witness coordinator was Steve Brindza. Mr. and Mrs. P. Raymond Bartholomew are the sponsors, assisted by Sharon, Steve, and Rozanne Brindza, Dave Wigley, and Dave Zahniser.

Major emphasis was placed on a musical production of "Come Together" involving more than forty youth and presented on eight separate occasions March to October 1975. The youth group came together to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ by showing a Christian film, delivering 300 doorknob hangers to area homes inviting people to church, singing for the Salvation Army Needy Family

Christmas Party, and singing at a local shopping mall.

There were times that they came together for recreation and social activities—roller skating parties, hymns, softball league competition, picnics, ice cream social, corn roast, hayride, and a Thanksgiving banquet.

There were several fund-raising activities, including a hoagie sale, pizza sale, slave day, lawn sale, and car wash. With the income items for the local church were purchased, gifts were given to Christian Endeavor at the state and international level, scholarships were provided, gifts were given to needy youth, an outdoor poster was erected, and expenses paid for a tour to eastern Pennsylvania.

Cindy Bartholomew, 1975 president, summed up the feelings of the group, "'Come Together' is more than the title of the musical presented by Unity Christian Endeavor. It is actually what our group did. We worked together, laughed together, cried together, and most of all, grew in the Lord together."



FIRST AWARD TO SOCIETIES was presented by Rev. E. Paul Albrecht (center) to Harry Riethmiller (1976 president) and Cynthia Bartholomew (1975 president). Mr. Albrecht is field secretary of the Pennsylvania Union.



## Vickie Cochran Wins for "Service with a Smile"

An award of \$125 goes to Vickie Sue Cochran, 18, of Greenville, Pennsylvania, second place winner, who is active in Maysville Community Church. Her entry was a service project from April 1975 through January 1976, with six separate segments dealing with the need to express love.

A talk was given to her society April 3 on the subject, "Love," and an article was published in the RECORD-ARGUS April 17, expressing appreciation for a Christian program held at Reynolds High School. Vickie made twelve posters for the Strayhaven Animal Shelter, encouraging people to give a pet for Christmas, and made favors for St. Paul's Home and craft gift items for Salvation Army distribution to the needy.

Of her project Vickie says, "If I could make someone else happy and if they could see Jesus in me, my purpose was fulfilled."

## Series of Ten Posters Takes Third

Wendell Alan Roberson, 19, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, received a \$75 cash award at the West Virginia Convention for his poster project.

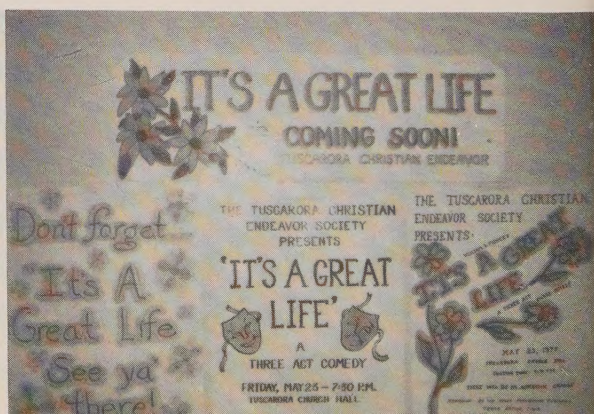
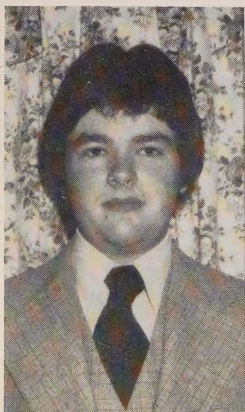
Wendell prepared and exhibited ten posters between March 1975 and January 1976 to interest people in Christian Endeavor. The posters were displayed in schools, business establishments, on telephone poles, and in Tuscarora Presbyterian Church where he serves as organist and president of Christian Endeavor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Roberson.

Four of the posters publicized a three-

act play given by his society, "It's a Great Life." Attendance totaled 200. Other posters promoted socials and Christian Endeavor meetings.

"Not everyone has the gift of being able to draw," says Wendell. "I feel I have been given this gift and God gave it to me. I enjoyed thinking and making clever and interesting ways to 'advertise' Christian Endeavor."

Of his entry Wendell says, "My posters caught people's attention and increased participation and attendance at all our society's functions. I'm most thankful to God for giving me this talent."





## Carla Kitchen Wins Fourth

West Virginia Endeavorer Carla Jean Kitchen, 18, received the \$50 award for fourth place at the annual state convention in her home church, Tuscarora Presbyterian of Martinsburg. She has just completed her freshman year at Shepherd College where she is a major in Business Administration.

Carla gave a talk, "Get Involved," to the Sunday school of her church on February 15. She stressed the importance of being involved in Christian Endeavor,

your school, your church, and your community.

She concluded her talk with these words, "Involvement means being loaded down sometimes, but you will come out on the top in the long run, by being able to carry responsibilities by yourself."



## Individual Runner-Up Winners \$25 Each

**Susan Carl**, 15, is one of three runner-up winners. Her entry was a sermon, "What It Is Going to Be Like in Heaven," given at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minersville, Pennsylvania, on January 25 when her youth group led the morning worship. She is treasurer of the group, teaches Sunday school, and is a member of the Christian Education Committee.

In her message she said, "In heaven there will be no night . . . no pain . . . no sorrow . . . no worries . . . no temptation . . . no death . . . and no jealousy.

"We don't go to heaven because of our good lives, our baptism, or our church membership but by coming to God in the Biblical way of repentance for sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation."

**Patricia Graves**, newly elected president of the Central Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, Columbus, is a runner-up winner for her paper, "Evolution or Creation." This was displayed in the Earth Science Department at Walnut Ridge High School December 18-January 1 and

at East Columbus Christian Church January 29-February 6.

After presenting many arguments on both sides of the issue, Patricia concludes, "There is much more evidence for both evolution and creation. It is also the matter of one's own opinion. So instead of drawing a conclusion let me quote something from the Bible. Jesus of Nazareth said, 'And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'"

A sermon, "The Life of Jesus Christ," presented February 8 at Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, was the winning entry of **Jerry Sweeten**, 14, who is a junior deacon at his church.

Jerry says that the purpose of his sermon was to bring his family to church and to help them become Christians, as well as witnessing to all the people he knows to bring them to Christ.

In his sermon Jerry noted several Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ and outlined the life of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. In closing he said, "It is my prayer that the life of Christ can change your life as it has mine."

# **“Jesus Is Alive and Well” Project Gives Alabama Society Second Award**

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Argo Presbyterian Church, Trussville, Alabama, received the second place award of \$150 for a project, “Jesus Is Alive and Well,” which involved several activities. The group began the year with a continuation of the successful witnessing program which earned for its members third place in 1975. This culminated in a seminar on witnessing April 5 at the church with other societies in the state participating.

A society newspaper, “Maranatha News,” was started this year to tell the happenings of the youth group. On March 8 a Clean-up Campaign was started to make Argo a more beautiful place to live.

The group sent 40 youth to the state camp at Calera, sponsored by the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union, and established new Christian Endeavor societies at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church and Pinedale Bible Church. Four-

teen youth were involved in a Walk-A-Thon which raised \$580 for Teen Challenge Drug Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham. In October a door-to-door tract-or-treat program was conducted by the youth as they witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ during the Halloween season.

During the Christmas season the group went caroling to people who were shut in, gave fruit baskets to people in need, and presented a Christmas program in the church. During Youth Week they participated in a Christian Endeavor Birthday Rally at Pinson and conducted the morning worship service in their church.

Penny Taylor, vice-president, said of their projects, “This is only a fragment of what Christ did through us this past year. . . . All we can do is say, ‘Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us.’”

## **Third Place Society Visits Girls Home**

The Senior Endeavorers of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, received \$100 for their personal witness project at Hopevale Girls Home run by the Sisters of Charity, a Catholic order.

Girls age 12-16 who have personal, home, community, and/or emotional problems are placed there by the courts. In September 1975 the Sisters contacted the pastor of First Church for assistance in meeting the spiritual needs of these girls. The pastor asked the youth group and their sponsors to help show Christian concern and a plan of action was developed.

At first the youth visited the home with guitars and other musical instruments for

an evening of informal singing. Later 40 copies of THE WAY were purchased and distributed. Weekly Bible studies, prayer time, and discussion were developed with the youth and their sponsors participating.

The youth group also arranged a Christmas party, conducted a youth week program, and participated in athletic contests at the home.

Of this project Paul Burke, sponsor of the society, says, “The Lord is working in this interdenominational and interracial project . . . We thank the Lord for lives we have been able to come in contact with and give Him praise for the changed lives we have seen.”



## Fourth Place Winner Salutes America

For its "Christian Endeavor Salutes America" project the Christian Endeavor Society of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, was awarded fourth place and received \$75. The first phase of the project was the construction of the display featured on the cover of this issue, which took three persons working approximately ten days. The display was exhibited at the Tennessee-North Carolina Fair, where it received a fifth place award, and locally at a motel, a store, and the church, as well as the 1975 Southern Regional Conference. The Endeavorers prepared and distributed more than 600 invitations urging people to return to the Lord and to attend their church and arranged for two full-page newspaper ads which were published February 12. Olin Badeaux is minister and his wife, Mrs. Edna Badeaux, and Lynn M. McKnight are society sponsors. This group received third place award in 1974 and has been a runner-up winner several times.



**THANKSGIVING VISIT** by Middlers of Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, to Mrs. Delaine Boone, a part of their project to visit shut-ins.

## Runner-up Winners—\$25

Two Texas societies and a Washington State group were each awarded \$25 as runner-up winners.

*The Middlers' Society of Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, received its award for a three-phase project. This group of eight active members in the sixth and seventh grades prepared fruit baskets in November 1975 and distributed them to four shut-ins of the church; on each visit they sang Thanksgiving songs and prayed. This was their witness in the local church. The second phase,*

*(Please turn to Page 14)*

**MEMBERS OF THE CAST** for the play "To All People" were drawn from both the Senior High and Intermediate Societies of First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington.





JUDGES conferring with Rev. Charles W. Barner (standing) are (from left) Donald Hudson, Arthur Green, and John Sandlund.

## Judges Select Winners



**Arthur G. Green**, chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, is an elder and Sunday school teacher at Calvin United Presbyterian Church. As a young boy he attended Christian Endeavor. Mr. Green has been associated with the Electric Company since 1934 and is a member of various industry-related boards and active in many civic endeavors including Boy Scouts and YMCA.

The top individual winner in the 1975 Program was **Donald V. Hudson** of New Cumberland, West Virginia, who thrilled delegates at the Portland Convention in 1975 with his report of traveling to Oregon by bicycle. Don has just completed his freshman year at Kentucky Christian College. At his home church he was treasurer of the high school Christian Endeavor society and sang in the choir. He is 19 years of age.



A member of the Ohio State university track team, competing in the high jump event, **John T. Sandlund** has just completed his third year in the pre-med program. He comes from Brecksville, Ohio, where he served as president of his church youth group and participated in the church orchestra and youth choir. He is attending Clintonville Baptist Church in Columbus and is active in Athletes in Action and Navigators on campus.





# NEWS



## Personalia

Congratulations to *Mrs. Daniel K. Poling* of New York City who was named the New York State Mother of the Special Bicentennial Year. She is the wife of the pastor of Fort Washington Collegiate Church, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society, and the mother of three children, Daniel A. Poling II, Klee Poling Dugan, and Gene Poling Wood.

Endeavorers are saddened at the recent deaths of two long-time leaders. *E. Herbert Wilson* of Baltimore, Maryland, died May 8 and *Phil C. Reed* of the Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C., died June 6. Both of these active workers will be greatly missed from the Christian Endeavor scene.

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. John R. Shear* who were married May 15 in St. Louis, Missouri; John is the state field secretary. Mrs. Shear is the former Colleen Kelley.

Best wishes to *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Marsh* who were married in Noblesville, Indiana, June 12. Ken is a former presi-

dent of the Oregon Union and is studying for the ministry at Emmanuel School of Religion.

*Shelia Kidd* and her husband, *Donley*, are rejoicing in the birth of Marcus Cordell on May 31. Shelia is a secretary at Christian Endeavor Headquarters and is on leave of absence for the summer.

## Pennsylvania Field Secretary

In May 1976, Rev. E. Paul Albrecht of Northeast Branch, Philadelphia, was named state union field secretary. Paul, who is a recent graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has announced these goals: first year—sponsor training program; second year—youth training program; and third year—combined two training programs.

## Prime Minister Was Endeavorer

The new prime minister of Great Britain, James Callahan, was a member of London Road, Portsmouth Christian Endeavor Society as a young boy and first learned to stand on his own feet and give a talk in front of other people in that fellowship.

SIERRA LEONE OFFICERS elected February 1976 are (from left) Jonathan Lincoln, past president and secretary; Shirley M. Fretz (former Ontario Union president), treasurer; Mabel Sina, vice-president; Joseph C. Abu, president; Zainabu Sama, vice-president; T. V. John, auditor; and Lynn E. Mefferd, pastoral adviser. These West African Endeavorers recently gave toward Guatemala relief.



# Guatemala as I Saw It

*Editor's Note: Mr. Brandt visited Guatemala March 29-April 1 to meet with Endeavorers and see the damage caused by the February 4 earthquake.*

One of the leaders from Guatemala expressed their thoughts as follows: "These three days have been very important to us. We will never forget you, dear friend. It is not easy to find words to express our deepest gratitude to you especially and to our Christian fellows in Germany and throughout the world for their help and prayers. For many years we have been working alone, disconnected from any other Christian Endeavor group, but the headquarters at Columbus, but now we know we are not alone and the knowledge

has encouraged us to go ahead with great power and hope. Now we have taken a new risk and be sure we will make the best of this opportunity."

"Because having shared with you these days of friendship in Jesus Christ it has given us hope in a better future and a life of happiness in Christ; just knowing that we have friends in other countries that are sharing with us these days of crisis in our country," another leader writes.

To me I Thessalonians 3:1-4 is more real after the new experience with Endeavorers of Guatemala. Of course I had that impression in India all the time, too. But having these new contacts with people we never met before, I realize how important it is to meet and talk to Christians in other countries from time to time to strengthen and to encourage as the Bible says.

Coming to Guatemala some cities looked like Germany after World War II. In the capital the first impression is not that bad of course, because they constructed shock-proof buildings after some heavy earthquakes in 1917 when Antigua was destroyed. But still they have to take down even concrete buildings because of damages. Also the Government Building being completed by 1944 has two cracks. There is almost no building without repair work.

But going to the other cities you see lots of destruction. Some cities don't exist



EL PROGRESO, a city with 11,000 population, was 95% destroyed with 1,300 fatalities and 3,500 injured. Though the church is still standing, all that is left of the home in front of it is the tiled floor. In this area Endeavorers plan to locate one of their block-making facilities.



# By Rev. Konrad Brandt, Germany

any more, like El Progreso and Gualan. Along the Motagna Valley there is a crack running for 100 miles through the country being up to three feet wide and—as they claim—up to 20 miles deep.

While the rich people very easily repair their homes the poor ones lost everything. It was good to see the Red Cross and other organizations in action. I met many Americans from different churches heading for Guatemala to help the country. Worldwide care can be seen, a wonderful response to a small country with 5.2 million people.

Talking about Christian Endeavor's help and how to use the money, we agreed to work on a long term project helping poor Christians to get a solid home again after the rainy season. For the moment they got tents and small huts through the aid of Red Cross. But who is going to take care of them later? No family can stay in those huts for years. Using the experience of the mission of the Presbyterian Church they want to manufacture cement blocks, selling them to Christians at a very low price for material plus labor, using our money to buy machinery and materials. They figure ten years to rebuild the country. Even if it doesn't take that long it is good to give solid houses to the poor which they cannot afford.

The leaders of Christian Endeavor of Guatemala are active and faithful young Christians being elected by 2,000 En-

deavorers for a certain period of years. All of them being responsible are about the age of 25 years, which is remarkable when you compare this with our unions. Of course, the load of responsibility in no way can be compared with the International Society of North America or Great Britain or Germany. They have no full-time employees, they have no property, and they are free of financial problems because they have no money. But the spiritual leadership cannot be underestimated and I had the impression there were some missionaries belonging to the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. who, being wise men, are giving those young capable people the chance to take over that part of responsibility. Since our help to Guatemala is coming to that union in form of great amounts of money (more



TYPICAL ROAD SCENE graphically illustrates the results of the earthquake. Leaders of the Guatemala Union — Walter Saavedra (left), interpreter and English correspondent; Silvia Canahui, secretary; and Hugo Leonel Ramos Valdez, president — showed Konrad Brandt the damage.



than \$25,000) they have to learn now how to handle this and it seems to me they started all right. They opened up a special account for the funds and started talking about organizing the help to Guatemala, having a project committee. When we came together we talked through interpretation as good as we could. I was glad realizing that they accepted my recommendations. They asked for my opinions and my experience. And I think it was good that they had the chance to talk to someone who has experience from our work and efforts in India, because some problems are similar.

Since there will be elections I encouraged them to keep the same persons that started on the project to be members of that committee regardless who is going to be the next president; to assure that plan can be accomplished and fulfilled the way they started working. This will keep them from losing energy and money.

Along with these very important discussions we had a wonderful time of fellowship, eating, praying, and laughing together.

## World President Visits the Americas

Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will visit North, Central, and South America July 16-August 8.

On July 16 Mr. Pagel will speak at the closing session of the Pennsylvania Summer Assembly; July 17-20 he will meet with World's Union leaders in official sessions at Reading.

Mr. Pagel will spend July 21-23 in Mexico City visiting Endeavorers, then journey to Guatemala to participate in the 9th National Convention at Monte Sion in Amatitlan July 23-25.

He completes his visit by traveling to Brazil July 26 to meet with representatives of the Marburg Mission.

# Society Runner-up Winners

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witness to the community, was carried out by Christmas caroling at a nursing home. They implemented the third phase, witness in the world, by giving \$5 to provide Bibles for school children in Bolivia. Cynthia Ann Whittington was project chairman and Mary Moffitt is sponsor.

*High School Endeavorers of First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas*, prepared a Christmas float and nativity scene as their entry. The float bore the inscription, "God's Gift to the World," and featured a large globe, the manger scene, and a lighted star. It won first place in the religious division of Harlingen's annual Christmas parade. Members of the society also erected on the church lawn a live manger scene complete with lighting and sound system. The youth prepared their own costumes and posed a different team of characters each night during Christmas week. Mrs. R. H. Fuqua is society sponsor.

A three-act Christmas play, "To All People," was sponsored by the *Senior Endeavorers of First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington*. This story of an unwanted guest at Christmas who renewed a family's faith was presented December 21 at the church and Christmas Eve at a nursing home. Rehearsals for the 14 members of the cast began six weeks before Christmas. Director was Anna Assink, assisted by Phil and Owen Assink. Rev. Raymond J. Teusink is minister of the church and Gordon Assink is society sponsor.

Sally Wright, president, comments, "Everyone who was involved in the play grew much closer together as friends and as fellow Christians."





## **A Message From the President, Timothy J. Kribs**

# **Stewardship: 1976 Priority**

As your president it is my desire and goal that we keep our priorities in the correct order in Christian Endeavor. One of the major emphases of Christian Endeavor has always been Christian stewardship. From time to time we speak of the Tenth Legion, but today we need to emphasize the whole area of Christian stewardship. This is the reason the leaders of our movement chose to make stewardship one of our major emphases this year.

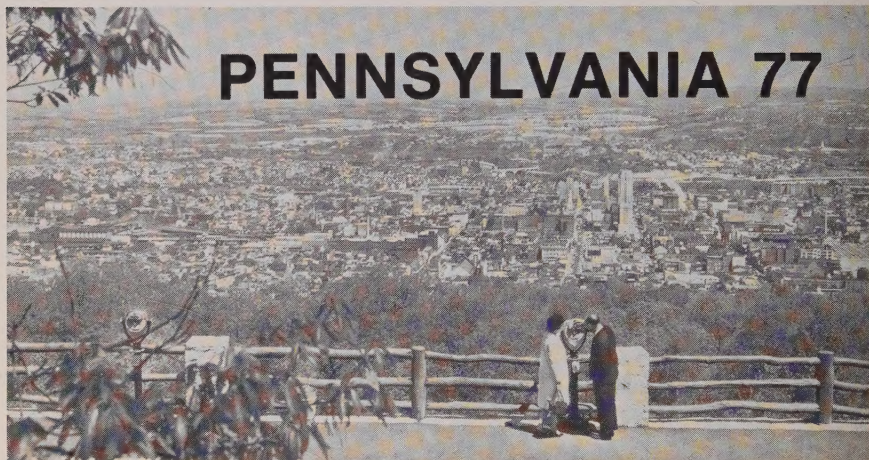
Part of stewardship is the proper use of time. Your observance of the Quiet Hour is one way to keep your time in perspective. If Bible reading, meditation, and prayer start the day, the entire day will more completely be used as Christ wants. Studying and worshipping with fellow Christians in the church at every opportunity is also part of the stewardship of time. Christian service, loving concern, calling, and witnessing are also part of our stewardship of time. It is my prayer that each of us will become more faithful stewards of time.

Another phase of stewardship is the proper use of our talents. Each of us has different talents. The question is: Are we using our talents for Jesus? How are you helping your Christian Endeavor society, your Bible school, your entire church? God gave us our talents; are we using them for Him? Musical ability, speaking, teaching, and writing are not the only talents the Lord can use. Anything and everything we can do can and should be used for the Lord. If keeping the church building clean and its grounds attractive is one of your talents, I hope you are using it for Jesus. Let's use our abilities for Christ.

Members of the Tenth Legion are tithers and give at least ten percent of their income to Christ and the Church. The New Testament clearly teaches proportionate giving (I Corinthians 16:1,2) and Jesus Himself said we ought to tithe as a part of our living for Him (Matthew 23:23). Joy-filled Christians who share in the abundant life are tithers. It is my hope and prayer that you, too, are a member of the Tenth Legion.

Each of us needs to be reminded frequently to keep our priorities straight. One of our primary considerations needs to be to remember that we are only stewards (caretakers) of all God has given us and He has given us everything. May we live accordingly.

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